Summary of amendments to the grading standards for bull, stallion and boar for breeding

The grading standards for bull, stallion and boar for breeding will be updated in accordance with the current situation of livestock industries in Japan.

For your information, draft concept of the grading standards for dairy bull is attached as only the semen, embryo and live animals of daily cattle have been imported into Japan from foreign countries.

Draft Concept of the Grading Standards for Dairy Bull

Breed / Item \ Grade	Excellent grade	First grade	Second grade	Off grade
Friesian — Pedigree[1]	Recorded	Recorded	Recorded	
Friesian — Performance	"A" class: Evaluated in a manner accepted by the Interbull and its result is equivalent as ranking of 40th or higher in Nippon Total Profit Index.[2]	"B" class : Evaluated in a manner accepted by the Interbull	Not evaluated.	
Friesian — Form (required only for bulls over 60 months of age)	Withers height is over 152cm.	Withers height is over 152cm.	Withers height is less than 152cm.	
Other breeds — Pedigree		Recorded	Recorded	Not Recorded
Other breeds — Performance		Evaluated in a manner accepted by the International Committee for Animal Recording	Not evaluated	
Other breeds — Form (required only for bulls of Jersey, Brown Swiss, Ayrshire and Guernsey that are over 60 months of age)		Withers Height is over : -135cm(Jersey) -140cm(Brown Swiss) -145cm(Ayrshire) -140cm(Guernsey)	Does not meet the form standards written in the left column	

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[1] Pedigree must be verified by a certificate issued by an authorized animal recording association based on the Article 32bis.1 of the Law for Improvement and Increased Production of Livestock. A certificate issued by a foreign government is also acceptable if the breed is not covered.

[2] National Livestock Breeding Center in Japan will soon start evaluation of foreign bulls in line with the standards used for Nippon Total Profit Index. http://www.nlbc.go.jp/english/evalution_results.html